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An Act To Improve Alternative Organizational Structures by Requiring the Department of Education To Provide Them with Estimated Allocations

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §15689-B, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §61 and affected by §§72 and 74 and c. 12, Pt. WW, §18, is amended to read:

A. The commissioner shall annually, prior to February 1st, notify each school board of the estimated amount to be allocated to the school administrative unit. For each alternative organizational structure that is serving as a school administrative unit for the purposes of this chapter, the commissioner shall notify the governing body of the alternative organizational structure of the computation and the estimated amount to be allocated to the alternative organizational structure and to each member entity within the alternative organizational structure. The notification may be in the form of a certified copy of the department's subsidy printout.

SUMMARY

Current law requires the Commissioner of Education to notify a school board of the amount of school subsidy to be allocated to the school administrative unit. This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to also provide the governing body of alternative organizational structures with the computation and the amount of the allocation of school subsidy that the commissioner has estimated for the alternative organizational structure and each member entity in the alternative organizational structure.